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SUBJ: HOST GOVERNMENT PUBLIC REACTION TO SOVIET TRIALS

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1. EMBASSY ROME TELEGRAMS 12747 (PERTINI MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV), 12740(PCI CONDEMNS SOVIET TRIALS), AND 12975 (PCI RINFORCES POSITION ON SOVIET TRIALS; FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI CONVOKES SOVIET AMBASSADOR) HAVE PROVIDED COVERAGE OF ITALIAN REACTION TO SOVIET TRIALS. WORTHY NOF NOTE IS THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT PERTINI'S JULY 11 MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV WAS ONE OF HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS AFTER HAVING BEEN SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC ON JULY 9.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS LUCIANO RADI SAID ON JULY 14 IN RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES QUOTE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, CONSIDERS THAT THE FACT THAT PERSONS ARE PERSECUTED AND SENTENCE FOR HAVING ASKED FOR ENACTMENT OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE IN THEIR COUNTRY IS CONTRARY TO THE ACT
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ITSELF AND TO DETENTE. FOR THIS REASON, ITALY, ALSO ON THE BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC LEVEL, HAS CALLED THE ATTENTION OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO THE NEED TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS, SHARED BY THE ENTIRE ITALIAN POPULATION. END QUORE. RADI ADDED, QUOTE BUT THE LATEST REPORTS FROM MOSCOW ARE NOT REASSURING. PERHAPS IT IS NOT KNOW THAT THE VERY LARGE MOVEMENT OF OPINION, WHICH STRETCHES AS

FAR AS MEMBERS OF WORKERS MOVEMENT LINKED TO THE
SOVIET UNION, DOES NOT CONCERN CONTESTATION OF LEGITIMATE
IDEOLOGICAL CHOICES BUT RATHER THE MINIMUM CONDITIONS
THAT CAN MAKE MORE CREDIBLE A GENERAL SECURITY POLICY
BASE ON THE BALANCE OF FORCES. TODAY TO WORK FOR
PEACE MEANS TO WORK FOR THE RESPECT OF THE DIGNITY OF
MAN, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE PEOPLE ON THE EARTH
IN THE UNITED CONCEPT OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD.
END QUOTE.GARDNER

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